


Fantasy World 1: Worry and Anger

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I. The Goal

Colossians 2:1-8 (NIV) *Paul is writing a new church* **1** I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. **2** My goal is that **they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. **4** I tell you this so **that no one may deceive you** by fine-sounding arguments. **5** For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. **6** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **8** **See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy,** which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

 God's Word invites us to _____ and _____

 The world invites us to something without _____

II. A Fantasy World

The Definition of Fantasy:

The act or thought of imagining things, especially things that are impossible or improbable.

“When we attempt to live with no faith in God, we stumble. If we are not living in faith, we are living in fantasy.” - *Dr. Corey M. Teague*

John 3:10-12 (NIV) *Nicodemus came to Jesus at night* **10** “You are Israel's teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? **11** Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?”

 There is a _____ between the spiritual and the natural

III. The Elephant in The Room

For relationships to work and to get along with people, we have to deal with ourselves first. Most of us are walking around with too much worry and anger.

1) How worry works...

Proverbs 3:25-26 (NIV) **25** Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, **26** for the Lord will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared.

2) How anger works...

James 1:19-20 (NIV) **19** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20** because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.


IV. Cross Fit

1 Corinthians 1:16—20 (NIV) **16** (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

 The Cross is where I _____ that the goodness of God may live in me

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Sat Job 9-10 **Sun** Job 11-12 **Mon** Job 13-14; Acts 7

Tue Job 15-16; Acts 8 **Wed** Job 17-18; Acts 9 **Thur** Job 19-20; Acts 10

Fri Job 21-22; Acts 11 **Sat** Job 23-24

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